

Torrance, California
February 10, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, February 10, 1959, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by the City Clerk were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Walter Anderson, City Attorney of the City of Manhattan Beach, led the salute to our Flag.

The meeting was opened with an Invocation by the Father Joseph McArdle of the Nativity Catholic Church.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting held January 30, 1959, and the Regular Meeting held February 3, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen outlined the Council's procedures to the audience.

Mayor Isen announced that at the open Pre-Council Meeting there had been a continued Hearing on the South Torrance Area water pressure in those areas served by Narbonne Ranch Water Company Nos. 2 and 3. The Council had been informally determining the matter of the water pressure and whether or not it should take action to declare those areas as being 'Hazard Areas'.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Minutes taken at the first hearing on this, held January 27, 1959, Pages 5-15, inclusive, and the Minutes taken by Mrs. Goodwin at the Pre-Council Meeting this evening be made a part of the formal record and of these Minutes by reference.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

The Minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of February 10, 1959, pages 1-5, inclusive, and the pages 5-15 inclusive of the January 27, 1959, Minutes of that Council Meeting are the Minutes covered by the motion.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present concerning that Hearing who had not been heard wished to speak to the Council.

There were no replies.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Anderson if Mr. Gannon wished to be heard further.

Mr. Anderson said no, that Mr. Gannon had simply wished to say that he had seen oil well fires successfully fought in that area not too long ago.

Mr. Anderson asked to interject this point, as regarded Councilman Drale's question to him about why they had not asked the City for consideration in this. He said where Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3 is concerned, they would have no objection to the City finding which improvements need to be made and an estimate of the expense of them. He suggested to the Council that they allow him to give a copy of the report he mentioned from Mr. Alderman to Mr. McVicar. He said Mr. McVicar could supply as many copies of that as necessary to the Council, and then Mr. McVicar could make a survey and make suggestions as to which parts of the water system he thinks can be used and which should be replaced. Then the Council could make a decision as to how they might wish to handle this. Mr. McVicar could prepare comparative figures for the Council in this way.

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Councilman Drale asked if he wanted this Hearing continued, and Mr. Anderson said it was his understanding that some parts of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3 service area met the approval of the Building and Fire Departments.

Councilman Beasley said the Hearing was on a Hazard Area. He felt that taking over a water company was another matter.

Mr. Anderson felt the Council was, in effect, condemning the property by not allowing the people to build there. He said the Council could not simply prohibit building and do nothing to limit the prohibition.

The motion to close the Hearing carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen commented that the matter of fighting fires is actually a side factor here. The principal problem is that of the health and welfare of the people. To comply with State law, it is impossible to allow occupancy of a house with water pressure below 15#. We are trying here to get due process.

Mr. Anderson said in speaking of due process, the Council could only condemn that area blighted by low water pressure.

Councilman Benstead said that it was not the intention of the Council to do so.

Mr. Anderson thought if a builder could show that his building could comply with the water pressure requirements, he should get a permit.

Councilman Jahn said any new building would take water from others.

Mayor Isen asked the pleasure of the Council on this.

Councilman Jahn, saying that in order to maintain the public welfare and safety, this was necessary, moved that the area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Company #3 be declared a hazard area, and that building permits be denied in the area except where the building can conform to the conditions laid down by this City Council at the last meeting.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Bradford demurred, saying that because someone had spent money planning a building, until the pressure is better, if the building is where the pressure is low, there is no reason why the person should get a building permit. There is the possibility that this would cause another person further down the line to lose pressure. Where people can build and conform to the code, a building permit should be issued. No matters should be considered except this, in his opinion.

Councilman Beasley asked how this pressure could be taken, saying it would have to be taken over a 24-hour period or more. All the water used from a line lowers the pressure in other homes, he thought, and he asked Mr. McVicar, Supt. of our Water Dept., if this was not true.

Mr. McVicar said if this is about the whole system, that could be done.

Councilman Bradford moved to amend the motion to specify that no permits be issued except where it can be proven the water pressure requirements of the code, regardless of the amount of investment made.

Mayor Isen thought the proper pressure should be established before the permit is issued.

Councilman Jahn asked who would establish the pressure at any given point.

Councilman Bradford asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens who now informs him of the water pressure at the homes built there, and Mr. Schlens said the building inspectors.

In reply to further questions, Mr. Schlens said he has only 3 building inspectors, and he has had so many queries about the area since the building restriction was started that he thought it might cost as much as \$1,000 per month to furnish inspectors for the area to establish the water pressures there.

Councilman Bradford thought it would be up to the person asking for the permit to furnish proof of the water pressure. If a house was built and did not have the required pressure, no occupancy permit could be issued.

In reply to a question from the Council, Mr. Schlens said that under

the Code, if the water pressure at a house does not reach 15#, the builder can put on a booster pump to raise it to 15# and then he must issue the permit.

Councilman Bradford said he had meant furnishing the proof of ample pressure before getting a permit.

Mr. Schlens said that under the Code, if they put on a booster pump he would have to issue the permit if the pressure was #15.

Councilman Bradford said if that was true, how we could justify stopping anyone from building in the area.

Mr. Schlens said, in reply to a question, that he had not done this under the Code, but under orders from this Council. He went on to say the original problem was brought here because a builder had protested the expense of booster pumps on some houses he had built.

Councilman Beasley said if a number of booster pumps are put on the same line, the people without them will lose what water they have.

In reply to a question, Mr. Schlens said if everything is just right, there is the possibility of lowering the pressure where there are no pumps too much.

Councilman Beasley felt that would jeopardize the health and welfare of the people who have been there for a long time, and said he would not accept the amendment to his motion.

Councilman Bradford said there is no proof of that ever happening.

Councilman Beasley said he knows there must be water there to flush toilets, etc.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Anderson had said this was a mutual company; it was evident to him from the Hearings that the people there are satisfied with the system they have. He felt that they need better service, but until they feel that they need or want more and better protection they should go ahead. If the Council takes the necessary steps to protect them and follows the State code, they are doing their job. He said he would like to go along with the idea advanced by Mr. Anderson.

Mayor Isen told Councilman Bradford that if he would change the proposed amendment to specify that 'the builder should furnish acceptable proof of required water pressure', he would second the amendment.

Councilman Drale said if they can furnish proof of the required pressure, there is no reason to consider the whole area as a Hazard Area.

Mayor Isen thought this would get us somewhere. This is just an interim plan to give some relief until the conditions can be improved.

Councilman Jahn said he felt the persons most affected there are builders, and it is costing a great deal to get Torrance Water to his houses there. He felt action should be taken here to protect people who build there from being denied final inspection. He referred to statements of Mr. Babcock of this Company here two weeks ago, saying that Mr. Babcock had said some of the lines are old. He felt the conditions which prevail there are detrimental to the development of the area and to property values there. He understood that the property owners there were stockholders in the company, but he knew it would cost them the same to improve the situation properly no matter how they go about getting adequate water supply.

Councilman Bradford changed the amendment he had proposed to require that 'the builder should furnish acceptable proof of required water pressure'.

Mayor Isen seconded the amendment, and the motion as amended failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen called for the vote on the main motion, which was read in full, and Councilman Jahn said the conditions imposed by the Council at the last meeting would require that permits could be issued only to those people who could furnish satisfactory proof of substantial expenditures of time and money before this action was taken, or to replace an existing house with no additional plumbing facilities than existed in the first house.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN:

Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if it would be necessary to instruct him to prepare the proper Ordinances to implement this action, and the City Attorney said he would not require instruction.

Councilman Bradford asked the City Attorney how we would stop a person who applies for a building permit from building if he can prove he has adequate water pressure at the site, and the City Attorney said the Building Superintendent simply would not issue the permit.

Mayor Isen moved the City Attorney start proceedings with reference to the enactment of an Involuntary Assessment District to provide water service in this area, being the area served inside Torrance by the Narbonne Ranch Water Companies Nos. 2 and 3.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

The City Attorney asked if the Council agreed with the last paragraph of his letter which had recommended that we secure an opinion on this from O'Melveny & Myers.

Councilman Jahn felt that was understood.

Councilman Drale asked why do this when we could have Mr. McVicar negotiate with them.

The City Attorney thought we might proceed concurrently with the action planned here and negotiations by Mr. McVicar, who has already done a great deal of research on the problems.

Mayor Isen amended his motion to add that 'Mr. McVicar should prepare an estimate of the costs for either a new system or for acquisition of the portions of the old system which might prove beneficial.'

Councilman Jahn accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. McVicar if he had not looked into this with a new system in mind, and with lines which would go down the centers of the streets, and Mr. McVicar said in the main that was true.

Councilman Bradford asked if there is a possibility of putting new pumps on the wells, and Mr. McVicar said no conclusion had been reached on that at the Water Commission meeting when it was discussed. He asked if the Council was discussing purchase price of the present system or the cost of an entire new system, and Mayor Isen said both.

Councilman Bradford said he did not concur with asking for an opinion from O'Melveny & Meyers, and Mayor Isen agreed not to make this a part of the motion.

The motion as amended carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Mayor Isen referred to letters from Bldg. Supt. Schlens reporting proof from C. M. Bergon, 1966 Lomita Blvd., requesting permission to construct a dwelling at 2440 W. 229th St. and listing expenses incurred by him preparatory to construction which were incurred before December 16, 1959, and to a similar request from J. O. Mc Vay to construct a dwelling at 2270 W. 230th. Mr. Mc Vay had also furnished proof of expenditures made previous to December 16 toward this construction. The two letters were numbers 1a and 1b on the Agenda; he also referred to a letter handed to the Council this evening on the same subject from another gentleman, and asked if the Council would consider these three letters now.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens told the Council that both Messrs. Bergon and Mc Vay had furnished proof of their expenditures, but that he had not seen the other letter before this evening and could not say whether or not it met the Council's requirements.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the approval of both Messrs. Bergon's and Mc Vay's requests for permits.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

At 8:40 P. M., the Council recessed, and reconvened at 8:55 P. M.

At this time, Mayor Isen introduced to the Council and the audience a visitor from Teheran, Iran. Dr. Fassa is a member of the Lions Club, and came to this country to attend an international convention of Lions which was held in Chicago.

Dr. Fassa addressed the Council and the audience briefly, saying he is here visiting his son, who is an engineer for the Richfield Oil Company and who lives in the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance. Dr. Fassa added that he had served his own home city as Mayor for 35 years. He expressed appreciation of our many geographical and technical advantages, and for the hospitality he has enjoyed here. He added that he would have much interesting material to relay to the citizens of Teheran about our country and city when he returns home.

There was much applause for Dr. Fassa.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A February 3, 1959, letter from Junkins-Voight & Associates, 530 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, Calif., offering to place public refuse disposal bins for pedestrian use on various corners in the business districts of the City and maintain them, and furnish insurance on them. In exchange they wish to sell advertising on three sides of the bin, similar to that on bus benches.

Councilman Beasley asked the City Manager if he had a recommendation on this.

The City Manager said he does favor City beautification, but he does not believe this sort of receptacle should be used for advertising. He said he would not recommend this plan for the reason he has given.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

2. A February 5, 1959, letter from Dr. Warren H. Low, Chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Branch of the American Red Cross, asked for more room at their present quarters adjacent to the Civic Auditorium. They suggested they be allowed to use the 'meter room'.

This was discussed very briefly, and the Council felt it would not be feasible for us to give up the room at this time.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen referred this to the City Manager for a reply.

3. An unsigned letter, purportedly from wives of City employees, dated February 5, 1959, requested that the pay period of City employees be changed to every other Friday.

A comment from the City Manager, under dated of February 6, was that if this was to be considered, it should be at budget time.

Mayor Isen said these women could have signed the letter. It would not have jeopardized anyone. He referred to a statement of the City Manager when this was suggested once before, that this would make additional pay and require additional employees to make up this payroll.

Councilman Benstead asked why it would require extra employees, asking how much pay is 'held back' on employees' checks.

The City Manager said we are going to pay on the 9th and 24th of each month, meaning that 9 days' pay is held back. He said this plan would break into the month completely. There are 52 weeks in the year, meaning there would be 26 paydays instead of the 24 we now have.

Councilman Benstead knew that industries pay every other week, and he said he could not see why it would cost the City any more.

Councilman Jahn said our present salary ordinance is based on monthly salaries, but it could be broken down so that the pay per week would be the same.

City Manager Stevens said when they asked for this before, they had wanted the same pay they now get per month, every other Friday.

Councilman Jahn said that is not what the letter asked for. If this is what they want, he thought it would be all right.

Councilman Jahn moved the City employees be paid on every other Friday, with the pay received on our present monthly rates to be unchanged,

but to be paid every other Friday instead of on the 9th and 24th.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Beasley said he was not opposed to this, but he did object to an unsigned letter coming here. He thinks there is no time when people cannot speak here freely, either to their Department Heads, the Civil Service Board or this Council. He said he did not believe in hiring high-priced technical personnel and not following the course they suggested.

Councilman Beasley moved to table this motion until next Tuesday, for a report on the costs involved.

Councilman Jahn said he would withdraw his motion if he could be sure this would be here next Tuesday.

Councilman Benstead agreed to withdraw the second to the motion.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen referred this to the City's Finance Officer for a report.

Mayor Isen referred to the letter once more, and said this Council does not ever disregard communications or follow other action mentioned there. He felt this was an unnecessary addition to the letter. He said he had received another anonymous communication this week, and if the charges it contained were true it would be criminal and if they are not, the letter would be libelous.

Councilman Benstead agreed that the letters to the Council should be signed, and that the postscript to this letter was unnecessary.

4. A February 5, 1959, letter from Ted Koletos, owner of property in the WALTERIA Lake Area, requested the Council to adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 716, which created restricted building zone in the WALTERIA Lake Area.

Mayor Isen asked if either Engineering or Public Works was prepared to give a report on this.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Attorney and the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked for a recommendation from the Director of Public Works or the Engineering Dept.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said it was their recommendation that this be held until we have settled the drainage problem. He said we have a problem with the State there on an encroachment permit. There was no grading permit there. He thought this should be withheld until we have an encroachment permit and a grading permit. He said they hope to have an encroachment permit very soon and should have an answer on this very soon. He said this particular piece of property is filled and blocks two culverts.

Councilman Jahn asked if water would dump on to this property.

The City Engineer said it would.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would not be the same either with or without a permit.

Director of Public Works Russell said we may have to go under the property.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Koletos had a letter giving him permission to fill the property in question.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said this was something different.

Mr. Koletos came forward and said he had such a letter.

Director of Public Works Russell said last Monday he had gone to the Permit Department of the State about the encroachment permit, and he thought it would be better to hold this in abeyance.

Councilman Jahn said three months ago, in order to get an easement, we had told him something and now he is ready to go ahead and last week the Engineering Dept. had changed their minds.

This was discussed at some length, and Mr. Koletos told the Council he has \$13,000 worth of compaction work on that site.

Councilman Jahn said our word should be our bond. He did not see why we had waited so long to get the encroachment permit for Lomita Blvd. onto Hawthorne. He felt this was all wrong.

Mr. Bishop explained to Mr. Koletos that we have an application on

filed for an encroachment permit with the State, and where Mr. Koletos's property abutts onto Hawthorne affects this. He added that we could not give Mr. Koletos permission to encroach onto Hawthorne nor to fill the culvert.

Mr. Koletos replied that he has two permits.

Mr. Bishop said those are two small permits. There is an excess of fill there. It had helped the City to get a low bid for Lomita Blvd. by the contractor being able to waste the dirt nearby.

Mayor Isen asked if we had done the same thing with Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Bishop said that was before we had the grading permits we now require.

Councilman Beasley asked why a drain is needed there.

Mr. Bishop said he thought we had made that point with the Division of Highways, and they may agree to it, but they may not grant Mr. Koletos an encroachment permit and they may hold up ours because Mr. Koletos filled without written permission from the City. His land blocks a second State culvert which may require to be unblocked.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Koletos could not prepare the commercial development mentioned in his letter without the State permit.

It was agreed he could have access to Lomita Blvd. but not to Hawthorne.

Mr. Bishop thought we would have an answer on this in a very short time, and suggested the City Attorney draft the necessary Ordinances to bring back here by the time we have the answer.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to prepare such an Ordinance or Ordinances as described by the Acting City Engineer, and told Mr. Koletos that the Council had not granted his request at this time.

Mr. Koletos protested that the land was re-zoned C-3, and the restriction was to be lifted at the same time.

Mayor Isen suggested that both the Engineering and Public Works Departments make this a matter of urgency.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said they would do so.

Councilman Drale agreed that this should be expedited. He said we must get Lomita Blvd. connected to Hawthorne.

Mr. Koletos felt that all of this had nothing to do with him, and was told that the City Attorney would prepare the necessary ordinances and present them here at the proper time.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated February 3, 1959, the City Manager gave the Council a full report on the Lomita Boulevard Project, supported by copies of various reports to him.

Councilman Jahn felt we had started too late with too little in the matter of the encroachment permit, and did not follow through on it. He felt that is why we do not have the permit at this time.

Councilman Bradford asked who the inspector was on Lomita Blvd., and Acting City Engineer Bishop replied it was Earl Rogers.

Councilman Bradford asked how it is planned to take the 'waves' out of that paving.

Mr. Bishop replied that is outlined in the reports; the street will be resurfaced, and in spots we will take out what is there and completely resurface. He said just the base coat is on most of that street now. To facilitate access to the Ryan plant and others, the full course was not finished.

Mayor Isen thought it should be noted here that this had been held up so water lines could be installed.

Councilman Bradford did not agree, saying Mr. McVicar said he had plenty of room to run that line without getting in the street.

Councilman Drale said we had spent money for that cross drain, and he asked why pipe was not laid under the street or a culvert run there so the street would be level.

Mr. Bishop said there is a pipe under there, but we cannot drain the pipe yet so we laid a temporary cross gutter.

Mayor Isen thought this would work out well.

There were no objections, and the communication was ordered filed as a matter of record.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. McVicar when his Department would be through laying the line there, and Mr. McVicar replied that it is done.

Mayor Isen asked if the paving of the street could not now proceed, and Mr. Bishop said it would as soon as is possible.

Mr. Bishop went on to say the cross gutter is there because the pipe ordered for the drain had not arrived. This condition will be corrected.

Councilman Bradford thought the contractor had imposed on us. He pointed out that at or near the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw an oil company made a cut across Torrance Blvd., and since then the paving has sunk and there is a hole there which he felt to be dangerous.

Lt. Nash of the Police Dept. told the Council that was fixed today.

2. A February 5, 1959, letter from the City Manager to the Council concerned the Weed Abatement Program, and outlined our billing procedure for the assessment and collection of charges against property owners.

The City Manager also recommended that "the City prepare specifications, advertise, and receive bids no later than March 11th for a possible 1959 weed abatement program".

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

3. In a letter dated February 5, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to attend the California City Managers' Conference in San Mateo, February 18-20, 1959, with appropriate expenses paid.
2. It has been planned by the Park Dept. to develop La Romeria, Paradise and Los Arboles Parks during the winter months by final grading and installation of a sprinkler system in the areas, which will be planted to lawn and shrubs. It was planned that all the work would be done by early spring, so that the lawns could be planted during this favorable period.

All the necessary materials for the sprinkling system have been purchased. The program has bogged down, due to a lack of additional manpower for these specific projects. I recommend that such personnel be employed to complete these projects as originally scheduled, the cost to be charged to the Park Fee Fund, which was created for the acquisition and development of parks and playgrounds.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Arrow Engineering Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of January 1959, the sum of \$2,596.99.
2. We have received the estimated cost of the Special Census, which is \$16,550. \$17,000 was set up in the budget for such a survey. I recommend that \$16,550 be allocated to the project and that a check, in the amount of \$6,825 be forwarded as requested to the Census Bureau. (Supporting material submitted to the Council).

3. A policy should be set to determine which division of the City should pay for the cost of bringing water to the property line of the Airport Triangle. The cost could be charged to the Airport, the Water Department, or the General Fund. (Statement submitted to the Council).

Councilman Drale moved to concur with all recommendation of the City Manager under Personnel and Appropriations.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Manager did not want his Assistant, Chapman Bone, to accompany him to the Conference.

The City Manager said this is the best Conference they go to. He plans to leave on Wednesday night to attend.

Councilman Drale said the intent of his motion was concurrence.

Mayor Isen asked if he would exclude Item 3 under Appropriations, and Councilman Drale agreed to do so.

Councilman Jahn asked about Item 2 under Personnel, and whether the motion's intent is to hire the people.

Councilman Drale referred to the City Manager, who said yes.

Councilman Beasley asked how long it would take to get the work done in these parks, and the City Manager thought it would take about 90 days.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager to hire the personnel needed tomorrow if possible.

Councilman Drale's motion was seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Mayor Isen referred to Item 3 under Appropriations, and Councilman Jahn said the Airport would get the income.

Mayor Isen thought the Airport Fund for improvements should pay for this.

Councilman Drale so moved, motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

4. With a memorandum dated February 6, 1959, the City Manager submitted a statement for the State Compensation Insurance Bill for the period from 2/14/59 to 1960, in the amount of \$48,000 which is due and payable on or before March 6, 1959.

Mayor Isen moved the necessary funds be appropriated to pay this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if an investigation had been made on this to be sure it is the least expensive we can buy, and the City Manager replied this is a very good price, and we have been given rebates on it for the last couple of years.

The City Manager added that he knew of no City or County which did not use this.

Councilman Beasley said he had checked and found this was much lower in cost than any other insurance would be.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated January 29, 1959, the Volunteers of America of Los Angeles, 321 Boyd St., requested a free license to solicit salvage in our City. The letter was signed by Capt. W. P. Altman, the Officer in Charge.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre recommended this be denied, as their Long Beach branch has had such a license and made such pick-ups here for several years.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation to deny.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, all in favor, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the License Inspector's

recommendations in all other matter submitted by him tonight.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, but protested by Councilman Bradford.

Both motion and second were withdrawn.

2. A January 30, 1959, letter from The Rescue Army, Ind. Dept., Inc., 2115 W. Manchester, Los Angeles, signed by E. N. Wheeler, National Commander, requested a renewal of a free license to solicit and pick up salvage material in the City.

A memo from the License Inspector reported the approval of this request by the Police Dept., and recommended the free license be granted.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation for approval.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

3. A January 20, 1959, letter from the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County, Inc., 5201 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 4, California, signed by Arlette B. Harwood, Executive Director, requested a license to conduct their annual fund-raising campaign in this City in 1959.

A memo from the License Inspector recommended approval of this request, which is a renewal.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the license Inspector.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

4. A January 29, 1959, letter from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., 2823 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, was signed by John Lelicoff, Executive Secretary, and requested a free license to raise funds in Torrance during December, 1959.

The License Inspector, in a memo appended, reported this group has had such a license for the past several years, and recommended it be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

5. A February 5, 1959, letter from License Inspector Whitacre reported a request from the Bench Ad Co. of 1100 Monterey Pass Road, Monterey Park, California for a business license to place courtesy benches at 12 passenger bus stops in the City. He reported that the locations had been approved by the Police Dept. and Mr. Chamberlain of the Bus Dept., and that Items 3 and 4 are located in the parkway on Torrance Blvd., and the Park Supt. recommended they be placed on concrete slabs, and the benches secured. The License Inspector reported that the locations on City Property had been covered by a certificate of insurance filed with him and approved by the City Attorney.

The License Inspector recommended the license be granted and that the benches in the planted areas meet the requirement of the Park Dept.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector, with all stipulations of the Park Dept. to be followed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

6. A Feb. 5, 1959, memorandum to the Council from the License Inspector submitted an application from the National Kidney Disease Foundation to solicit funds in Torrance. The letter requested that this solicitation be allowed during the month of March, but the License Inspector said that several drives are being conducted during the first half of 1959, and suggested this request be denied at this time and that they re-apply at a later date.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the application.

Councilman Drale asked if the License Inspector would communicate with them and asked if they could not change the date of their drive.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the request.

Motion seconded the motion, saying too many of these are coming in. He thought they should work as a unit as do those funds cooperating in the Community Chest.

Motion failed by the following tied vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale moved the License Inspector contact these people and ask if they could set up a date for their solicitation which would not conflict with other drives.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. A February 4, 1959, letter from D. E. Nash, Lt., Torrance Police Dept., reported on their survey of the City towards eliminating stop signs not necessary, and said this would be done, with reports being made to the Council. The letter also reported that street name signs are available, and reported requests for 2-hour parking zones, and a yellow cross walk at the King Lutheran Church, 2706 W. 186th.

Director of Public Works Russell told the Council that the street name signs mentioned would have been up by now but for the rain, and that they would be put up at once.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Lt. Nash on the cross walk recommended in the last paragraph of the letter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

2. A February 3, 1959 letter from Percy G. Bennett, Chief of Police, contained recommendations from the Traffic Commission about the cross walk at Torrance Blvd. and Fern Ave., saying they had made a recommendation that this be moved and synchronized with the signal at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. They recommended this be moved to Torrance Blvd. and Hickory.

Councilman Benstead said the stop sign at Maricopa and Fayesmith had been removed, and he wanted to know why, saying it is needed, and should be replaced and a speed limit sign posted there.

Lt. Nash, in reply to a question, said this was done by Ordinance.

Councilman Benstead moved another Ordinance be prepared to replace this stop sign and setting a speed limit there.

Councilman Drale said there are 2 new streets going in near there in the industrial area. He agreed that this sign should be replaced.

Councilman Benstead agreed, saying there is heavy traffic there.

Councilman Benstead moved the signs be put back by Ordinance and a 25-mile speed limit be posted there.

Councilman Drale said if he would consider the other locations which will be there, he would second the motion.

Councilman Benstead accepted that in the motion.

This was discussed at some length, with Councilman Benstead saying it takes too long to send this through the Traffic Commission. He would agree to do so only if the Commission would act in time to have this back here next week.

Councilman Jahn said these measures are not considered to be the answer to the speeding problem. He said the Commission would not meet for several weeks.

Councilman Benstead said he would approve the posting of the new signs on the new streets with 25-mile speed limit signs to be posted.

Motion failed by the following tied vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Benstead moved this be sent to the Traffic Commission with the hope they will take care of the situation there at once..

Councilman Jahn said the Commission will not meet until the 19th. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, and this was referred to the Commission.

Concerning the recommendation in the letter from the Chief of Police, Councilman Jahn moved to concur.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale said he had abstained because he did not think this signal should be moved, and that he did not think the intersection would be safe without it. He said it was put there to protect the children going to and from school.

Councilman Jahn said there is a crossing guard there at all times during school hours, and there is no intention of stopping this.

Councilman Drale said the people from that area wanted the signal there.

Mayor Isen said to move this and synchronize it with the other signal will keep this safe for the children.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A Feb. 3, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., reported that they have standardized on the use of Hersey meters in the detector check type used for fire protection services and in the compound type which is used for industrial and commercial meters, in sized from 2" up. He gave his reasons for this, and reported that we need at the present time 1 - 3" meter, 1 - 4" meter, and 1-8" meter. The total cost for these will be \$1,906 and he asked for permission to purchase these items.

Councilman Jahn moved the permission be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead asked why this is the kind chosen, and Mr. McVicar enumerated the advantages.

Councilman Drale felt all these things should come through the Commission.

Mayor Isen asked if these are used uniformly throughout our system, and Mr. McVicar said the design is the best for some of our uses. He added if the Council wished him to, he would call for bids.

Motion to concur carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale felt this should come through the Commission.

Councilman Bradford said the various Department Heads were hired because they know their jobs, and that no one on the Commission would know the differences between the kinds of meters.

Councilman Drale remained of the opinion that Mr. McVicar should make his recommendation to the Commission, and they should send their recommendation here.

At 9:50 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:10 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A February 5, 1959, letter from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, submitted a letter from the Civil Service Commission on the controversy between the Fire Chief and Jerry Holloman, and transmitted to the Council the request from the Civil Service Board that they be authorized to employ the services of Boris S. Woolley or some other attorney for the purpose of a hearing on this and for a neutral and unbiased opinion.

The Council studied a letter from the City Attorney to them on this matter.

Mayor Isen regretted the choice of words here employed by the Board; he said that he would rely completely upon the City Attorney to render a neutral and unbiased opinion, and that in his opinion the City Attorney would not do otherwise.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if the Council would be proper in directing a Hearing on this, and the City Attorney said it was his opinion that the Council had no such authority.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager if this had ever come before him, and the City Manager said no, but he had read everything written on it.

Councilman Beasley asked if the City Manager had called these two people before him, and the City Manager said he had not.

Councilman Beasley asked if he thought this warranted such action, and the City Manager said he saw no purpose in it.

The City Attorney, in reply to a question from Councilman Drale, said the only charges were duplicated on the first page of the opinion he had given the Council.

Mayor Isen thought charges had to be against somebody calling for action.

The City Attorney said in his first opinion, he had asked that Mr. Holloman set charges and the relief he is requesting.

Councilman Drale felt the Civil Service Ordinance was for the benefit of the employees, not officials or Department Heads of the City, saying these could bring charges against employees, but he wanted to know what rights the employees have if they wish to bring such charges.

The City Attorney said the Civil Service Ordinance is not a perfect whole, and may preclude this.

Councilman Drale asked what grounds an employee must have to bring charges.

The City Attorney said he thought the recourse of the employee was to go to the superior of his Department Head, probably George Stevens as Personnel Officer of the City, and if the City Manager thought charges were justified he could proceed to bring Charges.

Councilman Jahn felt this was an attack on the "Rule of 3", which he feels should not be challenged. If a man in the top 3 on a list is bypassed too many times or enough so that the morale of the Department is in jeopardy, that should be looked into, but he felt the "Rule of 3" should remain.

Councilman Benstead said this is not the first time this has come here from this same Department. He asked Chief Benner if this man had not acted as a Captain for 18 months, and Chief Benner replied that he had acted as a Captain for 8-1/2 months.

Councilman Benstead asked if he had not had high efficiency ratings during that time, and Chief Benner said he had. Chief Benner said the high efficiency ratings were given to him as an Engineer, and not as a Captain.

Councilman Drale felt that under our Ordinance the Council must accept the opinion of the City Attorney, but he suggested that there must be a way an employee could bring written charges against a Department Head and have a right to a Hearing. He asked if the Charges had been other than they are if the man would have been entitled to a Hearing.

The City Attorney said not in his opinion. The Ordinance would have to be amended to allow that. The employee's recourse is to go to the City Manager as Personnel Officer of the City.

Mayor Isen agreed that this was the right of the employee.

Mayor Isen said the Personnel Officer serves the City in this way.

Councilman Beasley felt the purpose of the Civil Service Ordinance was to protect the employees from all political domain, however, if an employee had a grievance he should be entitled to a Hearing. Some of the rumored charges are very serious. If there is any way possible to find out what is causing the trouble and if there is something which can be done about it, he thought this should be done.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draft an Ordinance to enable the Civil Service Board to hold a hearing on this or future cases.

Mayor Isen ruled the motion out of order.

Councilman Benstead said the Civil Service Ordinance conflicts with the Rules and Regulations. He agreed that our Ordinance is not good.

Councilman Jahn asked if the motion was about this specific case.

Mayor Isen thought there should be no Hearing if there were no Charges.

Councilman Beasley said he did not wish to waive the "Rule of 3".

Mayor Isen said it is the duty of the Board to conduct trials in proper cases, but in this case, the Department Head is allowed to use the "Rule of 3".

Councilman Benstead felt if a personal matter caused a man to be bypassed, it was something different.

Councilman Drale agreed that he did not wish to contravene the City Manager's authority as Personnel Officer, but when a man has a high efficiency rating in the service of the City for many years it was not right to deny him promotion.

Mayor Isen pointed out that if the City Manager thought this was a proper case he could bring action against the Department Head.

Councilman Drale said this man had good ratings. He felt it should be our policy to grade such ratings on merit.

Councilman Benstead agreed with Councilman Drale, saying in this case the man had acted as Captain for over 8 months but when the promotion was made he was bypassed.

Mayor Isen asked if the Civil Service Board could give relief if this motion to amend the ordinance were made.

The City Attorney said no relief could be given unless the Board had the authority to vacate the appointment in this case. The man feels he was bypassed for personal reasons. The Chief was within his rights in appointing one of the top 3 men.

Councilman Drale felt the #1 man on a promotional list should be given any promotion.

Councilman Benstead agreed.

Councilman Jahn felt if there were charges which were acceptable the Civil Service Board should hear them and the Council should get their minutes for review. He felt the Chief had the right of using the "Rule of 3".

Mayor Isen said anyone willing to bring charges could take them to the City Manager as Personnel Officer of the City. If anyone brings such charges, he should be willing to swear to them.

Councilman Benstead said similar complaints have been made before from this Department.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Beasley moved the City Manager request the people mentioned in this report to come to his office and discuss this and give the Council a report on it at the next Personnel meeting.

Councilman Benstead said he thought the Firefighters have an attorney connected with their organization.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen did not believe this motion was necessary.

Councilman Bradford said the appointment had been made and we are now dealing with charges which the Council wished referred to the City Manager if he understood this.

Councilman Beasley said just the charges brought up.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if he or the Civil Service Board had a list of the charges, and the City Attorney said yes.

Mayor Isen directed that any correspondence on this be referred to the City Manager as Personnel Officer.

Councilman Beasley so moved, and Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Bradford moved the Civil Service Ordinance be enforced to its fullest extent.

Roll call on the motion on the floor was called, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Bradford renewed his motion that the Civil Service Ordinance be enforced to the letter.

Councilman Jahn said this would be done without a motion.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale felt from now on if Department Heads consistently grade someone well on efficiency reports they should not bypass that person when making promotions.

Mayor Isen explained that the Council does not vote on appointments. This is to avoid all political sway in the matter.

Councilman Jahn agreed that efficiency reports should be carefully made, with accuracy in every way.

Mayor Isen could not understand a Department Head doing anything else.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney draft an Ordinance to require a Department Head to appoint the number one man on a promotional list unless his reasons for not doing so were given to the Personnel Officer in writing.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

At 10:40 P. M., the Council recessed, reconvening at 10:50 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, the Director of Public Works and Acting City Engineer submitted an analysis of the bids received for the remodeling of the intersection at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton St. at Denny Road, and recommended that the bid of

STAR CONSTRUCTION CO., in the amount of \$1110.18

be accepted for this job as the lowest responsible bid.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur, and the motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. A Feb. 5, 1959, letter from Acting City Engineer Bishop concerned the sidewalks at:

182nd St., Wly of Hamilton School;
Yukon Ave. Nly. & Sly. of Yukon School;
Prairie Ave. Nly of Perry School.

The letter reported that the work was started Wednesday, Feb. 4th, and should be completed within a week. This is to be covered by the City Manager's estimate of \$700.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if he had the report asked for on the cooperation of the schools in this.

The City Attorney said he would have it next week. He said the School District maintains they have no responsibility or authority to construct sidewalks.

Councilman Jahn said his question had been whether the School Board does not have a responsibility for the children on their way to and from school.

The City Attorney said he had not understood the question.

Councilman Beasley said his wife, a school teacher, has been told her responsibility begins when the children leave their homes and ends only when they return home in the evening.

Councilman Jahn thought that might include sidewalks. They build

the schools in fields and we have to provide walks etc. He thought the school must have some responsibility.

Mayor Isen agreed, and thought the people should take this to the Board of Education.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had approved these three walks, and would have more requests. He would like to have the findings of the City Attorney on this.

Councilman Bradford had investigated and felt some of the streets could be bermed to protect the children.

Mayor Isen said the Council had already approved this expenditure.

Councilman Bradford said one piece of property there goes out to the very edge of the street and is planted.

Councilman Drale thought we could get an easement there if we ask for it.

John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, told the Council we may have a drainage problem there if we build a berm.

Councilman Bradford said if we put up a berm, we should fill behind it.

Mr. Frank Henderson, 3115 W. 180th St., thanked the City for their prompt action in the cases in question, and suggested the City plan to improve other streets in this same way soon. They have not gone to the Board of Education on this, but have understood the Board of Education cannot spend any money except on school property.

Mr. Henderson asked that these same improvements be made on his street, 180th.

Councilman Beasley told him he and his neighbors could set up an assessment district and put in these improvements.

Mr. Henderson said they have curbs and gutters. The real problem is on 182nd street, where it is not their property.

Director of Public Works Russell said the freeway will cut through here and it would be wasteful to put in permanent installations before that is done.

Mr. Henderson said they brought their problem here because they think it needs consideration in planning.

Mayor Isen explained to him that it is not the policy of this Council to install cement sidewalks from the general funds.

After further discussion, Mayor Isen directed Mr. Henderson to discuss his problem with Messrs. Russell, Bishop and Powell of the City's Staff.

3. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, submitted for acceptance by the Council the following easement deeds:

- a) Easement Deed dated Jan. 21, 1959, from Don K. Hansen and Florence G. Hansen for a portion of Lot 51 in Tract No. 639 for the 2' widening of Pennsylvania Avenue.
- b) Easement Deed dated Dec. 3, 1958, from Agnes M. Lewis for a portion of Lot 92 in Tract No. 639 for the 2' widening of 231st St.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept these easements.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated Feb. 5, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's new "Exhibit A" in their Case No. 557, a Variance for Oilfield Trucking Co., showing that they do not wish to do more now than replace the existing caretaker's home.

Councilman Jahn asked Planning Director Powell if this meant they do not want to build an office, and Planning Director Powell said that was right.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and all stipulations.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. A February 5, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council the recommendations of the Commission and himself on street names in the industrial area between Crenshaw and Maple and north of Maricopa. The suggestion was that the names of industrial streets not be used there, but that the streets be named after industries and industrialists of the Torrance Area.

The Council considered this, and while they concurred with the idea in general, it was the consensus that such names as "Kentile", "Remco", etc., be discarded in favor of such names as 'Findley Way'.

Councilman Jahn moved for concurrence with the idea set forth.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

REPORTS:

1. "Copies of the Minutes of the Meetings held by the Inter-City Highway Committee will be forwarded to this office each month, together with a copy of the Agenda on the forthcoming meeting, so the City may be informed of the activities of this Committee. Their Minutes of their Jan. 8, 1959, meeting and the Agenda for their Feb. 12, 1959, meeting are now on file in this office."

This report was from the Office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3629

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES RENDERED BY SAID COUNTY.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3629. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3630

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUB-LEASE FROM NORA PFLIEGER, DBA EAGLE AVIATION, TO C. MAX SCHILD, DBA PACIFIC COUNTIES LAND COMPANY OF CERTAIN PROPERTY ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3630. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3631

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 1959, AS "KONYA DAY" IN TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3631. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1060, unanimously approved with all Council members present, at its first reading on February 3, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1060

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CITY TREASURER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1060 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1061, which was approved by all the Councilmen except Councilman Blount, with all members of the Council present, at its first reading on February 3, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1061

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1061 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

3. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1062, which was unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at its first reading on February 3, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1062

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 499.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1062 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

4. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1063, approved at its first reading on February 3, 1959, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN Beasley, Bradford, Draile, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1063

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 544.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1063 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

5. With a letter dated February 5, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1064, which was approved at its first reading on February 3, 1959, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1064

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 549.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1064 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

6. Submitted for its first reading was Ordinance No. 1065, dealing with rubbish fees etc.

Mayor Isen asked if Sub-section (e) on Page 3, under Section 13.64 outlined the only exemptions from charges.

The City Attorney said substantially, and said the exemptions could not be retroactive. In response to a question, he said this would exempt only those people whom the City could not serve.

Councilman Jahn referred to the right to refund payments, outlined in Section 13.64, sub-section (d). He asked if consideration was being given to people building or having no occupancy in a house, saying that in a house under construction the meters are often in long before the house is occupied.

The City Attorney said the charge is for occupancy, and that it was not feasible to answer each question in this one Ordinance.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1065

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.60, 13.63, AND 13.64 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH RELATE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER; AND PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF SUCH FEES.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1065 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager Stevens reminded the Council of a meeting they have with the Redondo Beach City Council at 6:30 P. M. Wednesday, February 11, here at the City Hall. He asked that when this meeting was concluded the Council meet with him very briefly on personnel matters.

It was agreed that the Council would do so.

2. The City Manager said he would like for the Council to state a holiday policy on the code holidays, saying there are several. He said that Lincoln's Birthday was a case in point. He said we have been the only City in the County, and possibly in the State, keeping our City Hall open on those days. The other departments work. The people who have kept the City Hall open have comprised only a skeleton force, who receive extra pay on those holidays.

This was discussed briefly, and the City Manager was directed by the Council to close the City Hall at such holidays.

3. The City Attorney, Chairman of the Red Cross Fund Drive, asked for permission for the Red Cross to put banners up across the streets in the downtown area during their drive.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Red Cross would have insurance to hold the City harmless as a result of this, and the City Attorney was not aware that they did have such insurance or did ever provide it.

Councilman Drale withdrew his motion with permission of the second.

The City Attorney was directed to check further into this.

4. Councilman Bradford asked the City Manager about a place on Torrance Blvd. where some work was done which required excavation. He asked if the contractor's put up bond for such cases or if we call them back.

The City Manager said we charge them an inspection which is a fee set under Ordinance.

Councilman Bradford said the excavation he referred to had been made a month or so ago, and he wanted to know who is responsible for keeping it in condition.

The City Manager said it is their responsibility.

5. Councilman Drale said he would like to have the other sidewalk matter, on the north side of 182nd St. between Ermanita and Yukon referred to the Staff.

There were no objections to this.

6. Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager to look into the matter of a letter which he understands was sent out by the Airport Manager setting up certain requirements for the lease on the corner, saying we had not discussed them at all. He felt some of the requirements set up might limit the number of people who can bid on the property and he did not think this had been authorized. He felt the requirement for a deposit was out of order.

The City Attorney said that part of the letter saying there would be no contract at the time of the bids was his idea.

Councilman Jahn felt this meant that the person who got this would have a free lease for some months. He thought the letter should be revised. He said he understood that a thousand copies of the letter had already been mailed.

7. Mayor Isen said there may be some very important Federal legislative action regarding Airports going on at this session of Congress, and if that is so we must not miss out on it.

8. Mayor Isen said Supervisor Hahn had requested a Resolution be adopted urging the Democratic Committee to have their National Convention in Los Angeles in 1960, as recommended by their Sub-Committee.

Mayor Isen moved such a Resolution be prepared and presented at the next meeting, with the appropriate copies to go to Supervisor Hahn.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, who suggested that a similar Resolution go through Supervisor Finch for presentation to the Republican National Committee.

Amendment accepted by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

9. Mrs. Jeanne Gerald, representing the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, told the Council they hope the Council will set up a program for acquiring easements under the 1911 Act for curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Mayor Isen referred them to the City Attorney, saying to bring this back when they have something definite in mind.

Mrs. Gerald agreed to do so, and extended their invitation to the Council to tour the North Torrance area and review their sidewalks.

10. Councilman Jahn moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

11. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 P. M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance